

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Licensing Standards Officers Report

Licensing Board Review Hearing: 14 June 2011

Premises: Dillichip Stores

Premises Licence Number: WDLBPREM/0252

Address: 1 Dillichip Terrace, G83 9HZ

Premises Licence Holder: Wiktor Karasinski

Designated Premises Manager (DPM): Wiktor Karasinski

Introduction/Background

This report is provided under section 38 (4) (a) of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 following a request for a review of the premises licence by Strathclyde Police.

The application for a review of the Premises Licence of the above premises cites the prevention of crime and disorder objective, therefore information relating to the operation of this premises since the transition period of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 is included, focussing on the area of age related sales and the procedures relating to the sale of age restricted products.

Premises History

The Premises has received two compliance visits under the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. The first inspection, carried out on 11 January 2010 reports that the premises were not fully compliant, however full compliance was achieved thereafter.

The second compliance visit, arranged in relation to the current review application showed that the premises was not fully compliant, in that there was only one training record available for inspection. However the premises employ two members of staff. The Premises Licence Holder explained that the training records for the staff member were being stored at his home address. It was requested that the premises licence holder bring this record along to the board hearing.

As regards the failure to display the premises licence, it was reported that this was also held at the Licence holder's home address and assurances were given that this would be on display in the future.

The Premises has been issued with one Section 14 notice on the 15 February 2010 after all attempts to gain payment of the annual licensing fee were exhausted. This matter was resolved by shortly thereafter.

The premise has been visited on four other occasions by Licensing Standards Officers. The nature of these visits was merely advice and guidance and this is not relevant to this review request.

Matters Relevant to Age Restricted Sales

This premises only accepts identification in the form of Passports or Driving Licences and operates a challenge 25 policy, which is evidenced by posters and signage throughout the premises.

The premises also displays signage relating to agent purchasing, warning persons that should the staff suspect that a person is buying on behalf of a child or young person that the sale will be refused and the Police will be informed. The premises also operate a CCTV system.

Further to this, Mr Karasinski also reported that staff have been informed that in the event of them making an error relating to the Licensing Act, their employment would be terminated.

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